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"Hey everyone! We will be back in a week!" Natsu had been excited to get away and train so he could be stronger. He said his farewells and was on his way.

"Natsu? How come you didn't ask Lucy to come along?" Happy, Natsu's blue feline friend was being curious.

"I want to get stronger so I can protect Lucyâ€|.if she was here then I wouldn't be able to concentrateâ€|" the pink headed boy turned red as he realized what he had said.

"You loooove heeer!" Happy beamed as he heard Natsu's words.

For the rest of the way natsu stayed quiet which confirmed happys theory since he didn't deny it.

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><p>Back at the guild Lucy and Erza were standing by the request board scanning the jobs.<p>

"I wonder why Natsu suddenly decided to up and go out to train.." Lucy had been getting curious as to what the pink haired boy had in mind.

"Who knows, it is Natsu after all" Erza stated with a small laugh which made Lucy smile

Yeah it was natsu, no one ever know what goes through that hot head of his. After a while of searching Lucy picked a job off the board.

"You want to help me with this job Erza?"

"Sure, and we can get Gray and Wendy to come along as well"

The team all went out to do the job after letting Mira know which one they had chosen.

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><p>Everyone returned from the job except one.
Wendy and Erza both were letting tears fall from their eyes as they slowly entered the guild hall with everyone's eyes on them.
>Gray was the last one to enter with his head down.<p>

Where was Lucy. That was everyone's question.

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><p>It's been six days since Natsu left the guild to start his training and today was his last day.<p>

"Happy, it's time to get some restâ€|we got a long journey back home tomorrow." Natsu climbed into his little tent with happy right behind him.

"Aye sir!"

When the morning came around Natsu was up and packing up his stuff then after eating he and Happy made their way back to the guild unaware of what they were going to hear.

"I can't wait to see Lucy's face when she sees how strong I've become!" His face turned into that excited expression of his

"Aye! She will be surprised"

Natsu was all smiles and joy, at least until he entered the guild hall.

"We're ba-" he didn't get to finish his sentence when he saw everyone's sad face pointing in his direction. "H-hey what's going on? Why's everyone looking so sad?"

Natsu was cluelessâ€|he scanned the room looking for his familiar blonde friend hoping her face wasn't sad as well but when he didn't see her something came over him as he looked at everyone once again. Worry. His smile had now turned into a frown as he walked in slower and made his way over to the table that Erza, Wendy, Gray, Juvia and

Levy were sitting.

"W-whats going on? Where's Lucy?" He didn't bother to sit down.

Wendy burst into more tears and so did levy at the mention of Lucy's name.

Natsu looked at them as his face turned pale waiting for someone to answer.

It was Gray who spoke up "Natsuâ€¦.Lucy ah, she's missingâ€¦we went on a mission and she, well she fell down a cliff, there was no sign of her body so I can't say she's deadâ€¦Erza and Wendy were off on their own and I was with Lucy but the ground suddenly gave away and we both fell but she fell furtherâ€¦I couldn't save herâ€¦damn it! I'm sorry Natsu.."

Natsu just fell to his knees as he heard the news. He couldn't pull himself together. But one thing stuck into his head which was what gray said about her body not being found so there was hope and he was determined to find her.

Erza rose from the table and made her way toward Natsu with something in her hand. His eyes were stuck to the ground so he didn't notice her presence next to him.

"Natsuâ€¦?" He slowly looked up at the red head.
>"Hereâ€¦this was all we found of hers and you should have it." Erza passed Natsu Lucy's celestial keys and pouch. Then she hugged him and whispered something only he could hear "find her Natsuâ€¦only you can"
She rose and sat back down next to Wendy to comfort her.

Natsu looked down at the keys in his hand before he broke down and let tears leave his eyesâ€¦he shouldn't have left. If he had been there this wouldn't have happened, he could have saved her. He just sat there for a good half an hour in silence, letting tears fall in a steady stream before he got up and wiped them away. He was going to find her.

Everyone had their eyes on him, for they knew how much Lucy means to natsu. They all watched him run out of the guild with happy following behind him.

Natsu had no lead to follow since he could not get her scent since it had vanished already, but that wouldn't stop him even if it took him days, months or even years he would find her.

He made his way to the place that the teams job had been, it took a good couple of hours to get there and when he did his eyes widened at the sight of the broken cliff in front of him. Happy came up behind him and sat on his shoulder.

"Natsu?"

The boy was shaking noticeably as he stared at the rubble. He clenched his fist and wiped a few more tears that escaped his eyes away before he spoke.

"Happyâ€¦I will find her..I need to find her.."

'Please don't let me be too lateâ€¦'

"Get me down there happy"

"Aye.."

The blue exceed grabbed Natsu's jacket and lifted him off the ground, carrying him down the cliff.

Natsu sniffed hoping to catch a whiff of Lucy's scent. Nothing.

He did catch a whiff of something that made his face go pale again and his eyes to widen.

"H-happyâ€¦I smell b-bloodâ€¦but it's dried"

Happy stared to tear up as Natsu mentioned blood.

"Get me down farther"

Happy followed his order and brought natsu down farther so he could search more.

Natsu caught a faint whiff of Lucy's scent which gave him hope but that hope soon vanished as the sight before him made him cringe.

Happy dropped natsu down on the piece of rock where a body lay covered in scratches and blood.

"Lucyâ€¦" Natsu kneeled down next to the blonde and put his ear to her chest to listen for a heart beat.

There was nothing.

Natsu's breath caught in his throat as he heard nothing, he froze before coming to and giving her CPR in hope to revive her.

He pushed air down to her lungs hoping they would start working again.

"Lucy pleaseâ€¦!"

Happy was a teary mess as he watched his best friend struggle to bring back the girl he loved.

Natsu was crying still with his eyes shut tightly, head pressed against her bloodied forehead and he was about to give up until he felt her take and intake of breath. Natsu looked at her with wide eyes as hers opened to look directly at him.

"N-natsu? "

"I'm here Lucyâ€¦I'm here"

He sat up pulling her into a sitting position as well.

"Where are we?" Lucy scanned her surroundings until looking and natsu

once again.

"At the bottom of a cliffâ€¦.apparently you took a fall down here on the mission you tookâ€¦" he lowered his head as he spoke and began shaking again "I wasn't t-thereâ€¦.I could s-save you!"

"But you didâ€¦you did save meâ€¦" she reached for him and lifted his face to look at hers. "I'm alive because of you." She gave him a small smile

Natsu returned the smile and pulled her in a gentle hug. When he pulled away he leaned in and placed his lips on hers. His kiss was gentle, sweet and passionate all at once and it made Lucy's heart flutter. She returned the kiss.

"Don't scare me like that anymoreâ€¦I love you! I don't want to lose you!"

Lucy was shocked by his words but she smiled

"I wont I promise, I love you too natsu."

They stayed there for a while just holding each other until they decided to go back to the guild.

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